

HONORING PAULA AND JIM
BUONOMO

HON. JAMES P. McGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Paula and Jim Buonomo for their distinguished careers and continued dedication to making their community a better place to live and raise a family.

Over the past 30 years, Paula has held many prominent roles and has served with distinction on the Shrewsbury School Committee, as a member Shrewsbury Town Meeting, on the Board of Directors for the Worcester County Food Bank, and as Chair of the Shrewsbury Democratic Town Committee. I would also like to thank Paula for her time spent as a District Representative in my office—where I saw her affinity for helping others first hand.

Jim has also consistently proven his devotion to improving the lives of others through his time serving on the Board of Directors at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and playing a crucial role in many other initiatives aimed at improving the lives of students in Shrewsbury.

On January 26th, the Shrewsbury Education Foundation will present Paula and Jim with the Community Service Award, recognizing the couple for consistently going above and beyond in their service to their community, and particularly the Shrewsbury Public Schools.

Throughout the years, they have stepped up and worked together at critical times to improve the lives of students, including the campaigns for the Floral Street School and Shrewsbury High School. They also played a significant role in making the Shrewsbury Public Library and new athletic complex a reality—which will benefit the residents of Shrewsbury for generations to come.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress and the people of Massachusetts, I would like to thank and recognize Paula and Jim for their work in improving the Shrewsbury School District and the Massachusetts education system. Their tireless efforts have forever changed Shrewsbury and the Commonwealth for the better.

HONORING MR. WILLIAM ASTOR
KIRK

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

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Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. William Astor Kirk on his great contributions to civil rights activism.

Raised in the East Texas town of Harleton, William began his journey to higher education at Wiley College, a historically black college located in Pittsburg, Texas. He transferred and continued his trajectory at the prestigious Howard University in Washington, earning both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Political Science. He then pursued his doctorate at the University of Texas. He also completed postgraduate studies at the London

School of Economics and Political Science in England as a Fulbright scholar. He later served as a regional director of the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity and as an adjunct associate professor of organization theory in the Graduate School of Management and Technology at the University of Maryland. He was founder and CEO of the Organization Management Services Corporation.

Kirk, also a United Methodist layperson, served as a director of the public affairs department of the Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church from 1961 to 1966 and as the board's interim top executive in 1987 and 1988. He played a historic role in ending institutional segregation in the United Methodist Church.

Overcoming discrimination was a fight he knew well. He had earned a doctorate in political science at the University of Texas at Austin—the university's first Ph.D. awarded to an African-American.

Kirk also led Huston-Tillotson students in various protests against segregated public facilities in Austin during that era, and he was said to be instrumental in the desegregation of the city's library and other facilities.

He was known as a complete gentleman, a person who believed in forgiving and in not allowing bitterness to define his life.

Before his death, Kirk had prepared an omnibus resolution to end discrimination against sexual minorities, to be presented at the 2012 General Conference of The United Methodist Church.

William Astor Kirk died on Friday, August 12, 2011, at 89 years of age. He and his wife Vivian, who died in 2010, had been members of Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington since 1984, and he served in many leadership roles. He is survived by his son, William A. Kirk, Jr., his late daughter Marie Kirk Dunn, daughter-in-law Hillary, his late son-in-law Reginald Dunn, and four granddaughters Ayanna, Jenelle, Allison and Stefanie.

Madam Speaker, today I honor the life of Mr. William Astor Kirk for his many contributions to ending discriminatory practices in the United Methodist Church as well as throughout the City of Austin. William made a career of serving others, and his work had a direct and positive influence on the lives of literally thousands.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTH-
DAY OF MR. DONALD G. JEWELL

HON. STEVE STIVERS

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STIVERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the people of Ohio's 15th Congressional District to celebrate the 100th birthday of one of Millersport, Ohio's most distinguished citizens, a man who continues to bring smiles to others, Mr. Donald G. Jewell.

An incredibly intelligent and hardworking man, Mr. Jewell valiantly offered his skills in service to our nation as a member of the Civilian Conservation Corps and the United States Air Force. He earned the rank of Master Sergeant and received the Bronze Star during World War II. His commitment to his fellow soldiers cannot be understated, as he still reflects fondly on their success and dedication.

Mr. Jewell has been a fixture of our community since 1945. In that time, he has helped make Millersport a wonderful place to live, work, and raise a family. An important contributor to our local economy, he owned a gas station and managed the Midland Screw Factory. Moreover, from his time on the village council to the founding of the Sweet Corn Festival, he spent his days diligently working to improve the lives of his neighbors and bring smiles to their faces.

Most importantly, Mr. Jewell has built a wonderful and fulfilling life in Millersport with his late wife June by his side, surrounded by his son, Edwin; three grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

He is an exemplary citizen and Millersport is undeniably a better place because of Mr. Donald G. Jewell, and I encourage my colleagues to join me in wishing him a very happy 100th birthday.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
SERVICE OF BILL O'MALLEY

HON. ERIC SWALWELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SWALWELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Congressman MARK DESAULNIER, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman MIKE THOMPSON, and Congressman JERRY MCNERNEY to recognize Bill O'Malley for his public service and legacy in our East Bay community.

Bill was born in Boston in 1924 and served in the U.S. Navy at a young age. After World War II, he studied at Fordham University in New York. In 1953, Bill and his wife, Claire Dunn, moved to California where they raised nine children. He graduated first in his class from Golden Gate University School of Law while attending at night.

A lifetime public servant, Bill held almost every role in Contra Costa County's legal system. He served as a deputy district attorney, deputy public defender, and was a founding member of the county's public defender's office. In 1968, Bill was appointed as Contra Costa County's District Attorney. During his 16-year tenure, he helped open the county's first rape crisis center and domestic violence shelter. Following his years as district attorney, Bill was elected to be a Superior Court judge where he presided over criminal, civil, and family law until his retirement in 1995.

Outside of the courtroom, Bill was an avid outdoorsman and traveler. He visited every state in the United States and visited all national parks and historic monuments, a feat not easily accomplished. In his retirement he loved spending time with his family and exploring his passion for history by studying World War I and visiting European battle-grounds.

His proudest achievement, though, was his family. Bill is survived by his sister, Grace Fitzgerald; sons Jake and Dan; daughters Nancy, Denise, Betsy, Grace, Patty, and Mary; as well as 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Bill was particularly gratified that his daughter, Nancy, became the first woman to serve as Alameda County District Attorney.

I join Congressman MARK DESAULNIER, Congresswoman BARBARA LEE, Congressman